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Amendments to the Specification:

On page 3, please replace the second full paragraph after the subheading "Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments" which bridges page 4 with the following amended paragraph.

Referring to FIG. 1 and FIG. 2, the preferred embodiments of the invention herein is comprised of:

A first connector 1 of a cylindrical shape having a mounting surface 11 at the sealed tubular end section of one extremity and there is a hole 12 in the mounting surface 11; an oblique slip thrust surface 13 facing away from the mounting surface 11 is formed at the opposite extremity; an annular flange 14 around the outer diameter of the first connector 1 that partitions it into a first coupling section 15 and a second coupling section 16, wherein the first coupling section 15 has a first outer diameter that fits into the inner diameter of a curved anchor footing 2 at the end section of a vehicle tie down rail, the second coupling section 16 has a second outer diameter that fits into the inner diameter of a straight, thin long pipe member 3 at the end section of the vehicle tie down rail; wherein, the mounting surface 11 is situated at the end surface of the said first coupling section 15, and the oblique slip thrust surface 13 is situated on the second coupling section 16; ~~the annular flange 14 has an extension formed upward from one side and, furthermore, a lash hole 17 cleat section 18 is disposed on it.~~

On page 6, please replace the first full paragraph with the following amended paragraph.

During utilization, all the conjoinment components can be installed in reverse, enabling the conjoinment of the first connector 1 first coupling section 15 to the inner diameter at the end section of the straight, thin long pipe member 3 in vehicle tie down rail as well as the conjoinment of the first connector 1 second coupling section 16 along

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with the second connector 4 to the inner diameter at the end section of the curved anchor footing 1; ~~at the same time, the lash hole 17 disposed on the annular flange 14 provides for securing lines such as ropes and cords.~~